during the last three years;

(b) if no, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been an increase in total tourist arrivals to Varanasi during 1990 and 1991 even though there was a decline in foreign tourist arrivals during 1991.

(b) The details are as given below:

Year	*Doestic tourists*	*%age change*	*Foreign tourists*	*%age change*	*Total tourists*	*%age change*
1989	75,339	-	23,422	-	98,761	-
1990	79,512	5.5	46,041	96.6	125,553	27.1
1991	95,772	35.4*	25,741	-37.8*	121,513 (up to Nov.)	8.4*

* Composed to the same period of precious year.

Group Dialing System in Metropolis Towns

5151. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to extend group dialing facility;

(b) if so the details of such towns to be connected with group dialling facilities:

(c) whether this facility would be cheaper than STD; and

(d) if so, to what extent and by when it is likely to be introduction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, the term " group dialing facility" is generally reflected to the inter dialing between a group of rural exchanges Direct dialing facilities already exist between metropolitan towns and the adjoining exchanges in their periphery.

(b) All the four metropolitan cities -Delhi ,Bombay, Calcutta and Madras already have direct dialing facility with the exchange in their periphery as per statement attached.

(c) The Government has under its consideration a scheme for rationalising the tariff between the exchange system of towns and adding exchanges in their periphery.

(d) the dialing facility between metropolitan towns and the peripheral exchanges already exist. The decision on introduction of the revised tariff is yet to be taken.

STATEMENT

List of Exchanges on the Periphery of metropolitan towns which are having direct Dialling Facility

Delhi to	1. Noida (Surajpur)
	2. Sonepat.

	3. Loni
	4. Shahdara East.
	5. Gurgaon.
	6. Ghaziabad.
	7. Faridabad.
	8. Bahadurgarch.
	9. Balabgarh.
	10. NOIDA
Bombay to	1. New Bombay.
	2. Basein.
	3. Kalyan.
Calcutta to	1. Bhatpara
	2. Ghinsura.
	3. Diamond Harbour.
	4. Kalyani.
	5. Tribeni.
Madras to	1. Ponneri.
	2. Tiruvallur.
	3. M.M. Nagar (EPZ)
	4. Gummidipundi.
	5. Guduvancheri.

[*Translation*]

Modernisation Programme of Electricity Boards

5152. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount provided to Uttar